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September 10, 2013

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**CHANGES IN WORK FOR
VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
IN THE CITIES OF BELL, CARSON, COMMERCE,
LONG BEACH, AND VERNON
AND IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF WEST CARSON
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, AND 4)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve changes in work and the increased contract amounts for various public works construction contracts in the Cities of Bell, Carson, Commerce, Long Beach, and Vernon and in the unincorporated community of West Carson.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Find that the requested changes in work will have no significant effect on the environment and approve the changes and increased contract amounts for the following construction contracts:

- Project ID No. TSM0010064 – 223rd Street/Wardlow Road from Western Avenue to Delta Avenue, related to modification and synchronization of traffic signals, in the Cities of Carson and Long Beach and in the unincorporated community of West Carson, for reimbursement of permit and inspection fees and exploratory excavations, with an increase in the contract amount of \$10,386.50, performed by Sully-Miller Contracting Company; and
- Project ID No. TSM0010099 – 38th Street, 37th Street, and Bandini Boulevard, related to modification and synchronization of traffic signals, in the Cities of Bell, Commerce, and Vernon, for modification of mounting assemblies, exploratory excavations, delay due to controller repair, and

variations in bid quantities, with an increase in the contract amount of \$33,537.78, performed by Steiny and Company, Inc.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval of the projects from the Board for changes in various public works construction contracts in support of the timely completion of the projects while avoiding delays and the potential for claims. The descriptions of the changes, estimated costs, and the necessary time extensions are listed in the enclosures for each contract.

Enclosed for the Board's approval are changes in work in excess of the Director's delegated limits, which are required to complete Project ID Nos. TSM0010064 and TSM0010099.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). Approval of these changes will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and enhance the quality of life in the affected cities and community.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

These changes in work will have no impact to the County General Fund.

Project ID Nos. TSM0010064 and TSM0010099, with an increase in the contract amounts of \$10,386.50 and \$33,537.78, respectively, are included in the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget.

If these changes in work are not approved, contract completion will be delayed and increased costs incurred.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The contracts for the construction of public works improvements were awarded by the Board to the apparent responsible contractors with the lowest responsive bids in accordance with the State Public Contract Code, the Board's directives, and as recommended by the Director or her designee.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The changes in work as described above and in the enclosures do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Each contract provides that the contractor be compensated for the work resulting from changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs are based on contract unit prices, time and materials, or negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the costs of the changes are included in the enclosures.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the requested changes by the Board will ensure the timely completion of work under each contract and result in complete and usable facilities.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Internal Services Department (Countywide
Contract Compliance)

CHANGES IN WORK (APPROVE)
September 10, 2013

PROJECT ID NO. TSM0010064 – 223rd Street/Wardlow Road from Western Avenue to Delta Avenue, (in the Cities of Carson and Long Beach and in the unincorporated community of West Carson), Supervisorial Districts 2 and 4, Contractor: Sully-Miller Contracting Company.

Project Description:

Modification and synchronization of traffic signals.

Changes in Work:

(1) Reimbursement of permit and inspection fees	\$ 6,704.50
(2) Exploratory excavations	<u>3,682.00</u>
Total	<u>\$10,386.50</u>

Description of Changes:

(1) A portion of the contract work was performed within the jurisdiction of the City of Carson. It is necessary to reimburse the contractor for the permit and inspection fees assessed by the City for the oversight provided by the City inspector.

(2) The Board previously approved changes in order to determine the exact locations of conflicting utilities discovered in the field but not shown on the plans. The cost of this work will exceed the previous estimate by the amount shown.

The cost for Item 1 is based on time and materials as provided in Subsection 3-3 of the contract specifications. The cost for Item 2 was negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications.

No additional calendar days will be required because of these changes.

Financial Information:

The project, including these changes in work, is financed with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority 2001 Call for Projects, Proposition C Discretionary Grant funds for the South Bay Traffic Signal Forum, and Proposition C Local Return match funds. On an annual basis, the Board has established a \$2.5 million top-of-pot (TOP) allocation from the Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget for the County's Traffic Congestion Management Program. The Proposition C Local Return match funds will be funded from this TOP allocation. This project is done at no cost to the cities involved.

Funding for these changes in work is included in the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget.

Revised Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$549,825.00
Changes in work previously approved under delegated authority	7,300.00
Changes in work previously approved by the Board	153,544.00
Changes in work to be approved	<u>10,386.50</u>
Revised contract amount	<u>\$721,055.50</u>
Percent total change to original contract amount	31%

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CHANGES IN WORK (APPROVE)
September 10, 2013

PROJECT ID NO. TSM0010099 – 38th Street, 37th Street, and Bandini Boulevard, (in the Cities of Bell, Commerce, and Vernon), Supervisorial District 1, Contractor: Steiny and Company, Inc.

Project Description:

Modification and synchronization of traffic signals.

Changes in Work:

(1) Modification of mounting assemblies	\$ 2,369.00
(2) Exploratory excavations	9,000.00
(3) Delay due to controller repair	1,000.00
(4) Variations in bid quantities	<u>21,168.78</u>
Total	<u>\$33,537.78</u>

Description of Changes:

(1) It is necessary to modify a component of the standard mounting assembly of six proposed signal heads. The standard mounting assembly is incompatible with the existing traffic signal poles.

(2) Exploratory excavations are required to locate underground utilities not shown on the plans.

(3) An electronic controller for the traffic signal at the intersection of Soto and Bandini Boulevard malfunctioned. It is necessary to compensate the contractor for the delay while the controller was repaired.

(4) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The increase in contract prices reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities.

The cost for these changes is in accordance with Section 3 of the contract specifications.

Three working days will be required because of these changes.

Financial Information:

The project cost is financed with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority 2001 Call for Projects, Proposition C Discretionary Grant funds for the Gateway Cities Forum. On an annual basis, the Board has established a \$2.5 million top-of-pot (TOP) allocation from the Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget for the County's Traffic Congestion Management Program. The local share of the project will be funded from this TOP allocation. The project is done at no cost to the cities involved. Funding for these changes in work is included in the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget.

Revised Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$131,691.00
Changes in work to be approved	<u>33,537.78</u>
Revised contract amount	<u>\$165,228.78</u>
Percent total change to original contract amount	25%

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